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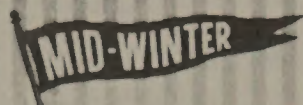
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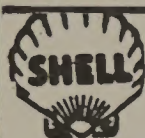
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This well voiced quartet held their audience spellbound with their renditions among which were selections from operas and hit musicals.

Members of the quartet were Ray Smith, tenor, of Fall River, Mass.; Joseph Kling, second tenor, of Mobile, Alabama; Bernard Barbeau, baritone, of Nashua, New Hampshire; and Paolo D'Alessandro, bass, of Providence, Rhode Island.

All have sung with the New England Opera Guild and are studying or teaching at the New England Conservatory of Music.

It was a great pleasure to hear such well trained and talented performers.

The Program:

Lift Thine Eyes	Logan
Russian Picnic	Enders
Gloria Patria	Palestrina
Hymn of the Madonna	Kremser
In a Monastery Garden	Ketelby
Great Day	Youmans
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Mrs. Anthony J. Sylvia, president, welcomed the members and guests. Mrs. Lawrence C. Young announced that the Girl's Club play will be March 3rd. The quartet was introduced by Mrs. Thomas Renahan who arranged the program and is a member of the State Federation music committee.

A social hour followed in the all purpose room. A bouquet of spring flowers made an attractive centerpiece at the table from which punch, ice cream and assorted cakes and cookies were served. Members of the executive board were hostesses with Mrs. Millard Titcomb, chairman.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, February 25th World Day of Prayer, sponsored by united church women, will be observed. This has been observed throughout the Christian world on the first Friday of Lent for 69 years. There will be a service at 2 P. M. in the Unitarian Church in New Bedford. Mrs. James K. Romeyn of Melrose will be the inspirational speaker with the service under direction of Mrs. Ronald Smith.

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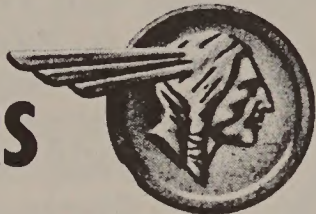
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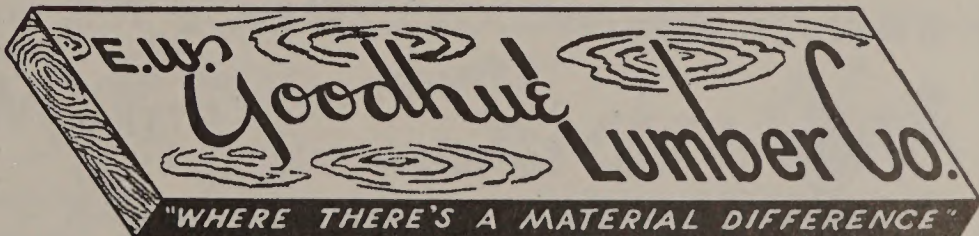
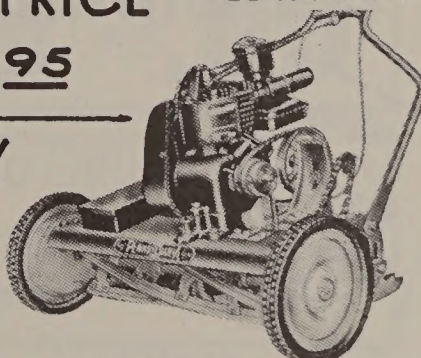
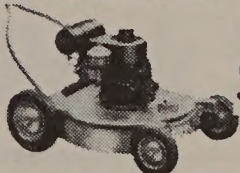
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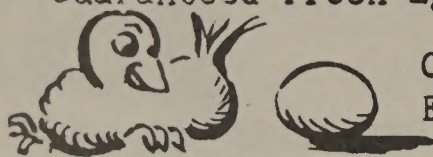
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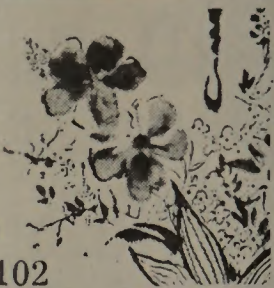
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Miss Agnes M. Shaw of North Street, Mattapoisett returned from the February meeting of the Alumnae Council of Wellesley College. Attending were representatives of classes from Wellesley clubs all over the United States, trustees and faculty members.

After a very instructive business meeting, those attending were addressed by distinguished guest speakers. Dr. Carmichael, recent president of Tufts College, and now secretary of the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D. C., gave a very interesting address. His subject was "Is There a Counter Revolution in Education".

Following his talk, Miss Shaw had a social chat with Dr. Carmichael, and he recalled that Miss Shaw's sister, Ellen Eddy Shaw, is a Tufts graduate, and that he presented her with the M. A. honor, and that their brother, Stillman Shaw, 2nd, is also a graduate of Tufts.

Dr. Carmichael sent word to "Charlie" Marvin of Mechanic Street, Mattapoisett recalling fraternity days in Delta Chi when the two men were close college friends.

VISITED IN ROCHESTER

Mr. Peter Peckham and Mr. Lawrence Willis of New Jersey visited with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Peckham of Bowens Lane, Rochester. Mr. and Mrs. James Walker of Swansea and Mr. Peckham's son, Charles Peckham of New Bedford also visited with the Harry Peckham's.

CELEBRATED BIRTHDAY

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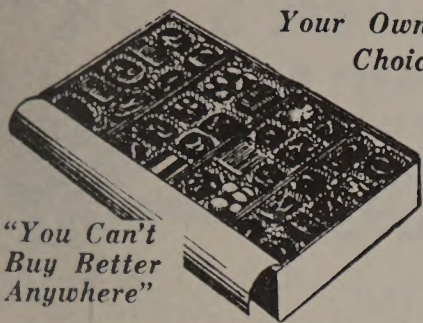
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SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY HELD

The missionary group of the Long Plain Baptist Church in Rochester held their meeting at the home of Mary Bettencourt, and after the meeting gave Mary a surprise birthday party. Cards and gifts with lasting memories were received by the honored guest. Games were played directed by Mrs. Kenneth Hathaway and Mrs. Douglas Church. Mary Vaughan was the winner of a prize and Mrs. Cambra won a prize for her original valentine. Mrs. Arthur Tripp made a cake which was in the form of an open book with one side being a memory book and the other Aunt Mame. Refreshments topped the festivities. Mary Hartley arranged the party.

SURPRISE PARTY

A surprise party was given to Susan Erhard by "The Hep Cats" last Tuesday to celebrate her birthday. After a gift was given, refreshments were served and Canasta was enjoyed.

PARENTS OF DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Roberts of 1389 Richardson Vista Road, Anchorage, Alaska are parents of a girl born February 18 th. Mrs. Roberts is the former Judith Eldridge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Eldridge of Church Street, Mattapoisett.

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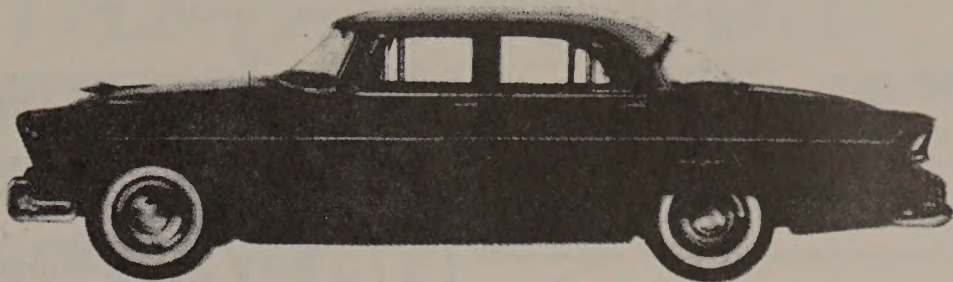
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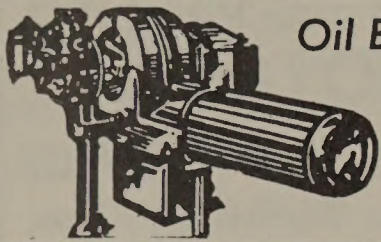
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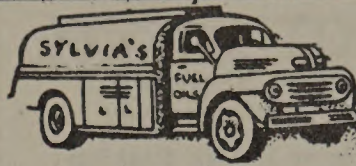
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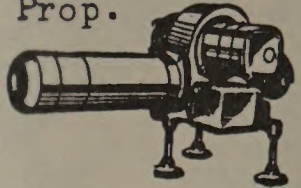
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George Taber's 337 led the Marion Laundrette to a 3 point win over Bettencourt's Market, whose high man was Merritt Sylvaria with 351.

Hartley's Garage took 3 from Center Garage. Edgar O'Neil Jr.'s 365 and Eddie Arruda's 343 were high for this match.

The Firemen paced by Chet. Medeiros' 378 took 3 from the Hartley Saw Mill, whose high was Ralph Gurney's 358.

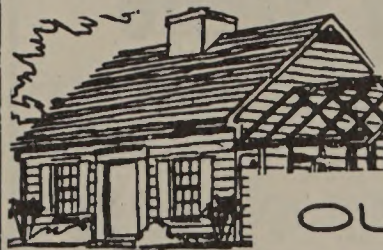
COOTIE PARTY HELD AT COUPLES CLUB

The Couples Club of the Mattapoissett Congregational Church met Tuesday evening in the vestry with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Chase conducting the business meeting. A cootie party followed with Mrs. Frederic E. Reynard and Mr. Donald Chase the winners. Booby prizes went to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Illingworth. Refreshments were served by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Chase, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Chase and Mrs. Russell Chase.

VALENTINE PARTY

Susan and Alan Reynard held a valentine party at the home of their parents, Rev. and Mrs. Frederic E. Reynard. Invited guests were Douglas Turner, Stephen and Janet Souza, Gale and Gwen Norris, John Ross and Sharon Young. Games were played and refreshments were served. The party ended with a song fest.

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WORLD FRIENDSHIP PROGRAM AT GUILD

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Mrs. George Bradley, Jr., World Friendship chairman, requests the return of the second mile banks at this meeting. She will have on display the layettes which are being made at the Tuesday sewing meetings.

There will be a silver offering which will be used to add to the tea service fund.

Mrs. Arthur Peck is the tea chairman for the March meeting.

Mrs. Laurence N. Raymond, president, has called a board meeting for one o'clock.

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SUCCESSFUL CARD PARTY HELD

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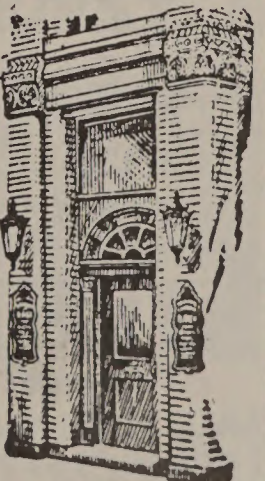
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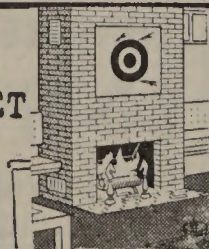


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Mr. Albert Duseault, principal of the school, spoke briefly. Mr. Thomas McDonald, who is head of the Archery Club, also spoke briefly and presented the awards.

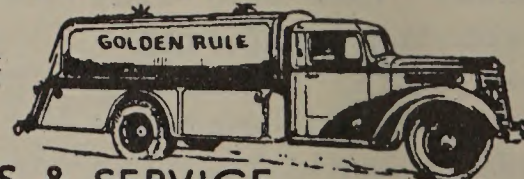
Winners of the talent were Lyle Demoranville and Janice Denault, tying for first place in the over 12 age group; Raymond Bettencourt, first prize in the 8 to 12 age group and Linda Oliver, first prize in the under 8 age group.

All the children who took part deserve a lot of credit for having courage enough to do it, as most of them, particularly the singers, have had little or no training.

The Program:

Linda Oliver	singing	Little Eskimo
Marcia Doane	piano	Valse Lucille
David Demers,	Thomas Gayoski,	Scott Chadwick
singing	Changing Partners	
Elizabeth Tuttle	Accordion	
Dianne Ouellette,	Carol Arenberg,	Gail Pierce
violins	Lightly Row	
Heidi Hartley	Dancing	
Bernice Carreau,	Loretta Joseph,	Priscilla
Vaughan,	Rose Marie Lopes	
singing	Little Things Mean a Lot	
Lyle Demoranville	harmonica, guitar & singing	
	This Ole House	
Judith Kerivan and Sandra Gayoski		
singing	Let Me Go Lover	

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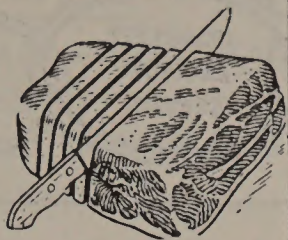
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If I Give My Heart To You
Andrew Mendes Impersonations
Raymond Bettencourt singing Marine Hymn
Corinne Thompson, Joan La Pointe singing
Arlene Rogers Piano solo Vare Co Dian

DANCING CLASSES TO HAVE PARTIES

The dancing school classes which have been held at the Mattapoissett Congregational Church vestry will conclude with parties Friday evening, February 25th. The first class will meet from 6:30 to 8 P. M. for the festivities, and the second class from 8 to 9:30 P. M. Mrs. Richard B. Young is chairman for the two parties and Mrs. Arthur F. Baker has charge of decorations.

LITERATURE DRAMA GROUP MEET

The Literature-Drama group of the Mattapoissett Women's Club met February 15th at the home of Mrs. Paul Harrison, Bolles Corner. There were about 14 present at the meeting, Mrs. Robert A. Bailey, chairman. A review of the book "The View From Pompey's Head" was given by Mrs. Howard H. Smith and Mrs. Arthur F. Baker, following which a discussion was held with quite a few differences of opinion. Mention was made of the coming play which is to be May 19th and 20th. Delicious refreshments were served following the meeting.

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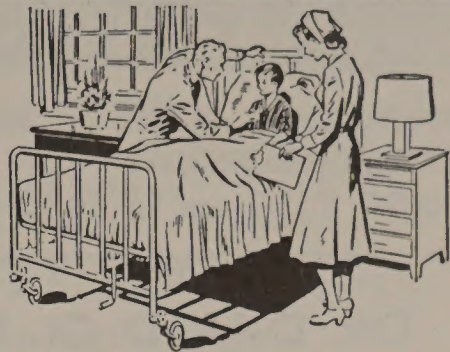
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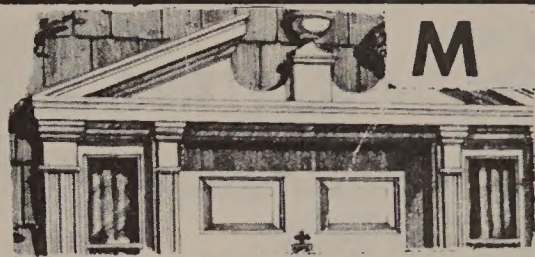


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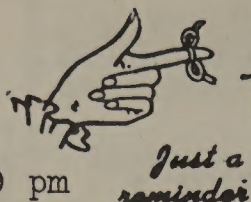
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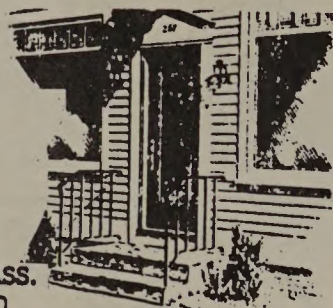
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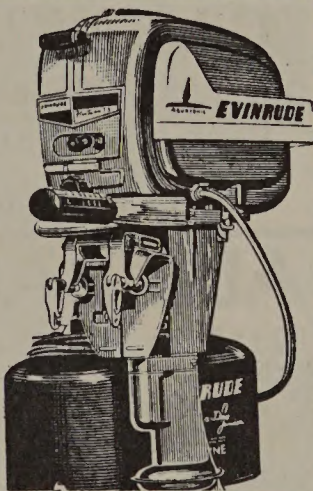
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The play revolves around a somewhat zany family who believed in doing as they pleased in a completely uninhibited way. The family is headed by Grandpa Martin Vanderhorf, played by Rev. Lawrence Somers. Rev. Somers was extremely good in his role, making each of his lines count. His hobbies were going to the zoo, attending college commencement exercises and collecting snakes.

The mother of the family, Penelope Sycamore, was played well by Marilyn Heikoff. She was at the typewriter most of the time writing plays while her daughter Essie, played by Susan Roche, made candy and practiced her ballet by pirouetting around the stage most graciously while her husband, Ed, played by Edwin V. Babbitt, accompanied her on the xylophone or printed circulars with such phrases on them as to make you think he was planning to overthrow the government.

The father, Paul Sycamore, played by Frantz Warner and Mr. DePina, played by Peter Friedman, who just happened into the home one day five years ago and remained, spent their time in the cellar inventing new types of fireworks which went off at times when you least expected.

In the role of Alice, another daughter, was Katheryn Babbitt. She is the only sensible

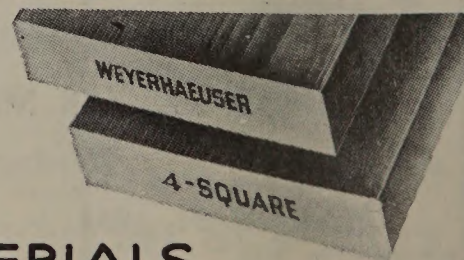
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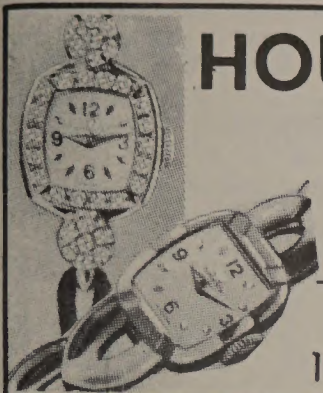
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member of the household. She works for a Wall Street broker and falls in love with his son, Tony Kirby, played by James Babbitt. She promises to marry him and invites he and his parents to dinner, little knowing that they would arrive the wrong evening and walk into a parlor when each member of the family were pursuing their own interests with Boris Kholenkhov, a Russian, played by Hilliard Lubin, teaching Essie her ballet while conversing with Grandpa on the state of Russia, and Gay Wellington, a drunken actress who has passed out on the sofa, played by Alys Nowell. Mama had met her on the bus and had brought her home to read one of her plays. The maid, Rheba, played by Mary Betty Albert, and the house servant, Donald, played by Robert Snyder, add to the hilarity with their frequent appearances.

Of course Mr. and Mrs. Kirby, played by Brooks Hawkins and Audrey Goodwin, turn their noses up at such goings on and to make matters worse, the whole family is arrested including the Kirbys by three plain clothes policemen, played by Dr. Raymond Baxter, Dr. Alphonse Query and Dr. James Arne, who because of Ed's printed circulars and finding so many fireworks in the cellar, think they are trying to blow up the country.

Everything turns out fine though and Alice gets her man, and Mr. Kirby decides there is more to life than Wall Street. Mention must be made of Mima Andres who plays Olga, a Russian countess, working in Child's Restaurant as a waitress. She makes her appearance in the last act, and although

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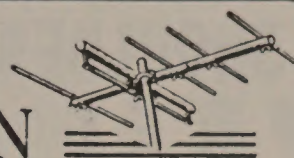
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she has a small role, she wins the audience over with her acting ability. Also in a small role but playing his scene well is Warren Ide who plays Henderson, an internal revenue agent.

I know there was no one there who did not enjoy this hilarious comedy with its well paced lines and excellent acting.

The production committee was comprised of Richard W. Angle, stage manager, sets and lights; Motley Sawyer, Leonard Burnham, Jack Braitmaier, James Notman and John J. Sullivan, stage crew; Mrs. Russell Makepeace and Mrs. Richard W. Angle, stage settings; Mrs. Frantz Warner, Mrs. E. E. Pringle, Mrs. Motley Sawyer, Mrs. Robert Snyder and John Kern, properties and costumes; Mrs. William Prewitt, tickets; Mrs. Earl DeWalt, publicity; Mrs. James Arne, chairman, Mrs. Robert Snyder, Mrs. Alphonse Query, Mrs. Viggo Petersen, Mrs. Harold Dorr and Mrs. Raymond Baxter, refreshments; Mrs. George Whitney and Mrs. John Andres, make-up; Mrs. Richard Peters, checking; Robert Babbitt, special sound effects; George L. Nowell, Jr., music; Mrs. Elizabeth Bullivant, prompter; Richard Peters, assisted by the United Youth Fellowship, maintenance crew; George L. Nowell, general production manager; Miss Audrey Wakeman, Miss Carol Blackman, Peter R. Prewitt and Stephen J. Nowell, ushers; and Mrs. George L. Nowell, programs.

VISITED PARENTS

Miss Mary French of New York City spent the holiday week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. O. French of Mechanic Street, Mattapoisett.

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Meanwhile Captain Winchester through his proctor, George F. Cornwell, had submitted to the court his plea as lawful owner of the Mary Celeste for restitution of the vessel to her owners upon payment of salvage and salvage expenses and upon finding sureties to answer all latent claims. To this plea the Queen's Advocate and also Pisani, proctor for the salvors, consented, but the judge refused saying:

"I here are certain matters which have been brought to my notice respecting this vessel, my opinion about which I have already very decidedly expressed, and which make it desirable and even very necessary that further investigation should take place before the release of the vessel can be sanctioned or before she can quit this port.

"The conduct of the Salvors in going away as they have done has in my opinion been most reprehensible and may probably influence the decision as to their claim for remuneration for their services; and it appears very strange why the Captain of the Dei Gratia, who knows little or nothing to help the investigation should have remained here whilst the first mate and the crew who boarded the Celeste and brought her here should have been allowed to go away as they have done.

"The court will take time to consider the decree of restitution."

The court did take time to consider, and not until 25 days later, when Captain Winchester on Steamship Caledonia was nearing the

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Leaving Captain Morehouse in Gibraltar to receive the award of salvage, Mate Deveau took the Dei Gratia to Genoa where he arrived January 16th. While she was discharging her cargo of petroleum Deveau was recalled to Gibraltar to be cross examined in court by the Queen's Advocate, still anxious to discover crime. He ended his testimony by stating:

"It did not occur to me that there had been any act of violence; there was nothing to induce one to believe or to show that there had been any violence."

Deveau returned to the Dei Gratia and on March 17th sailed from Genoa for Messina. While loading fruit at Messina he had a portrait of the vessel painted. On this painting is lettered "Brig Dei Gratia, Capt. Oliver Deveau, Giuseppi Coli Dipense, Messina, Aprile 1873." Sailing from Messina he stopped at Gibraltar on May 13th and arrived in New York, according to the National Archives, is the following notation: June 19, 1873; Brig Dei Gratia; Deveau; Messina; British; 1412.94."

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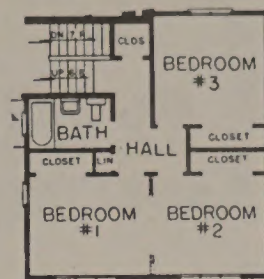
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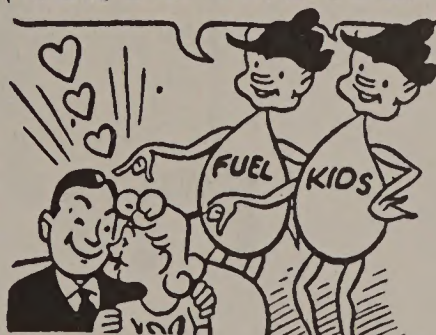
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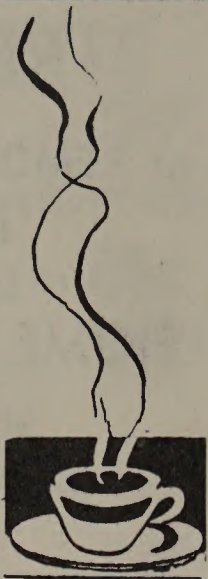
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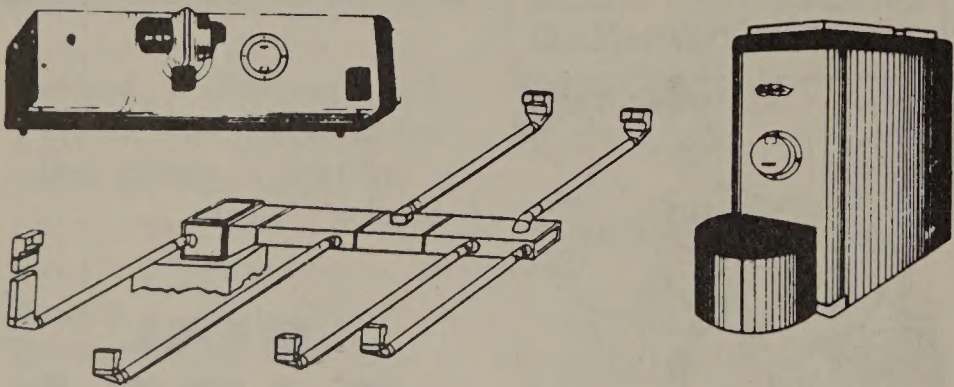
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This weeks cover looks back to last summer and also ahead to this summer. We understand that Val is planning to build again and we will be glad to see him back. The wharf looks bleak and barren without his building. We know his many friends will be happy to have Val back where he is pictured on the cover.



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The deadline for removing of debris from private properties has been set as March 31, 1955, by the Hurricane Relief Board, Boston, Massachusetts, if the Town of Mattapoisett is to be reimbursed for this type of work.

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